

6-1. Specifications

Maintenance data (fuel, oil level, etc.)

Dimensions and weights

Overall length		LS460	199.2 in. (5060 mm)
		LS460L	203.9 in. (5180 mm)
Overall width			73.8 in. (1875 mm)
Overall height *1		2WD models	58.1 in. (1475 mm)*2 57.7 in. (1465 mm)*3
		AWD models	58.3 in. (1480 mm)*2 58.1 in. (1475 mm)*3
Wheelbase		LS460	116.9 in. (2970 mm)
		LS460L	121.7 in. (3090 mm)
Tread	Front	2WD models	63.6 in. (1615 mm)*4 63.4 in. (1610 mm)*5
		AWD models	63.6 in. (1615 mm)
	Rear	2WD models	63.8 in. (1620 mm)*4 63.6 in. (1615 mm)*5
		AWD models	63.6 in. (1615 mm)
Vehicle capacity weight (Occupants + luggage)			825 lb. (375 kg)*6 675 lb. (305 kg)*7

\*1. Unladen vehicles

\*2. Vehicles without electronically modulated air suspension

\*3. Vehicles with electronically modulated air suspension

\*4. Vehicles with 18-inch tires

\*5. Vehicles with 19-inch tires

\*6. 5-seat models

\*7. 4-seat models

## Vehicle identification

### n Vehicle identification number

The vehicle identification number (VIN) is the legal identifier for your vehicle. This is the primary identification number for your Lexus. It is used in registering the ownership of your vehicle.



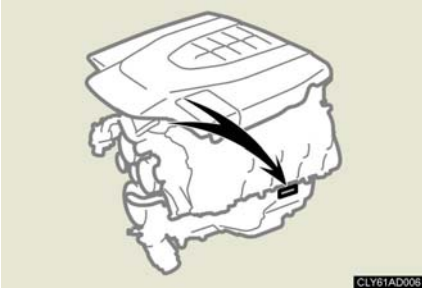
This number is stamped on the top left of the instrument panel and in the engine compartment.



This number is also on the Certification Label.

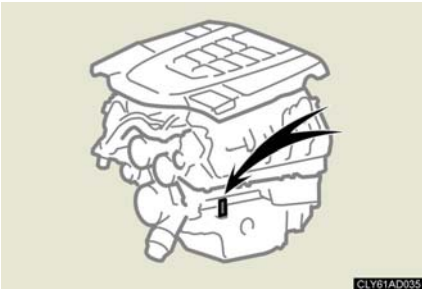
**n Engine number**

► 2WD models



The engine number is stamped on the engine block as shown.

► AWD models



The engine number is stamped on the engine block as shown.

Engine

Model	1UR-FSE
Type	8-cylinder V type, 4-cycle, gasoline
Bore and stroke	3.70 × 3.27 in. (94.0 × 83.0 mm)
Displacement	281.2 cu.in. (4608 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Drive belt tension	Automatic adjustment

Fuel

Fuel type	Unleaded gasoline only
Octane rating	91 (Research octane number 96) or higher
Fuel tank capacity (Reference)	22.1 gal. (84 L, 18.4 Imp. gal.)

Lubrication system

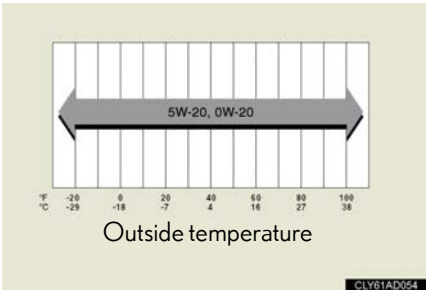
Oil capacity (Drain and refill — reference)	
with filter	
2WD models	9.1 qt. (8.6 L, 7.6 Imp. qt.)
AWD models	9.5 qt. (9.0 L, 7.9 Imp. qt.)
without filter	8.9 qt. (8.4 L, 7.4 Imp. qt.)

n Engine oil selection

“Toyota Genuine Motor Oil” is used in your Lexus vehicle. Use Lexus approved “Toyota Genuine Motor Oil” or equivalent to satisfy the following grade and viscosity.

Oil grade: ILSAC multigrade engine oil

Recommended viscosity: SAE 5W-20 or 0W-20



SAE 5W-20 or 0W-20 engine oil may be used. However, SAE 0W-20 is the best choice for good fuel economy and good starting in cold weather.

The 0W portion of the oil viscosity rating indicates the characteristic of the oil which allows cold startability. Oils with a lower value before the W allow for easier starting of the engine in cold weather.

The 20 in 0W-20 indicates the oil viscosity when the oil is at its operating temperature. An oil with a higher viscosity may be better suited if the vehicle is operated at high speeds, or under extreme load conditions.

How to read oil container label:

The ILSAC (International Lubricant Standardization and Approval Committee) Certification Mark is added to some oil containers to help you select the oil you should use.




## Cooling system

Capacity	2WD models	11.6 qt. (11.0 L, 9.7 Imp. qt.)
	AWD models	11.7 qt. (11.1 L, 9.8 Imp. qt.)
Coolant type		Use either of the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Toyota Super Long Life Coolant”</li> <li>• Similar high-quality ethylene glycol-based non-silicate, non-amine, non-nitrite, and non-borate coolant with long-life hybrid organic acid technology</li> </ul> Do not use plain water alone.

Ignition system

Spark plug	
Make	DENSO FK20HBR11
Gap	0.043 in. (1.1 mm)

 NOTICE

**n Iridium-tipped spark plugs**

Use only iridium-tipped spark plugs. Do not adjust spark plug gap.

Electrical system

Battery	
Open voltage* at 68°F (20°C):	12.6 — 12.8 V Fully charged 12.2 — 12.4 V Half charged 11.8 — 12.0 V Discharged (*: Voltage checked 20 minutes after the engine and all the lights are turned off)
Charging rates	5A max.

Transfer (AWD models)

Oil capacity	0.74 qt. (0.70 L, 0.62 Imp. qt.)
Oil type and viscosity*	Toyota Genuine Transfer gear oil LL 80 (preferred), Toyota Genuine Differential gear oil LX 75W-85 GL-5 or equivalent

\*: Your Lexus vehicle is filled with Toyota genuine gear oil at the factory. Use Lexus approved Toyota genuine gear oil or an equivalent of matching quality to satisfy the above specification. Please contact your Lexus dealer for further details.

### Front differential (AWD models)

Oil capacity	0.79 qt. (0.75 L, 0.66 Imp. qt.)
Oil type and viscosity*	Toyota Genuine Differential gear oil LT 75W-85 GL-5 or equivalent

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### Rear differential

#### ► 2WD models

Oil capacity	1.42 qt. (1.35 L, 1.19 Imp. qt.)
Oil type and viscosity*	Toyota Genuine Differential gear oil LT 75W-85 GL-5 or equivalent

#### ► AWD models

Oil capacity	1.42 qt. (1.35 L, 1.19 Imp. qt.)
Oil type and viscosity*	Toyota Genuine Differential gear oil LX 75W-85 GL-5 or equivalent


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Automatic Transmission

Fluid capacity*	2WD models	10.9 qt. (10.3 L, 9.1 Imp. qt.)
	AWD models	11.3 qt. (10.7 L, 9.4 Imp. qt.)
Fluid type		Toyota Genuine ATF WS

\*: The fluid capacity is a reference quantity. If replacement is necessary, contact your Lexus dealer.

 NOTICE

**n Automatic transmission fluid type**

Using automatic transmission fluid other than “Toyota Genuine ATF WS” may cause deterioration in shift quality, locking up of your transmission accompanied by vibration, and ultimately damage the automatic transmission of your vehicle.

Brakes

Pedal clearance*	3.7 in. (95.0 mm) Min.
Pedal free play	0.04 — 0.08 in. (1.0 — 2.0 mm)
Brake pad wear limit	0.04 in. (1.0 mm)
Parking brake lining wear limit	0.04 in. (1.0 mm)
Fluid type	SAE J1703 or FMVSS No.116 DOT 3

\*: Minimum pedal clearance when depressed with a force of 50 lbf (200 N, 20 kgf).

Steering

Free play	Less than 1.2 in. (30 mm)
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Tires and wheels

► 18-inch tires (type A)

Tire size	235/50R18 97W
Tire inflation pressure (Recommended cold tire inflation pressure)	Driving under normal conditions Front: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Rear: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Spare: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Driving at high speeds above 100 mph (160 km/h) (in countries where such speeds are permitted by law) Add 8 psi (50 kPa, 0.5 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the front tires, 11 psi (70 kPa, 0.7 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the rear tires. Never exceed the maximum cold tire inflation pressure indicated on the tire sidewall.
Wheel size	18 × 7 1/2J
Wheel nut torque	103.3 ft•lbf (140 N•m, 14.3 kgf•m)

► 18-inch tires (type B)

Tire size	P235/50R18 97V
Tire inflation pressure (Recommended cold tire inflation pressure)	Driving under normal conditions Front: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Rear: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Spare: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Driving at high speeds above 100 mph (160 km/h) (in countries where such speeds are permitted by law) Add 5 psi (30 kPa, 0.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the front tires, 11 psi (70 kPa, 0.7 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the rear tires. Never exceed the maximum cold tire inflation pressure indicated on the tire sidewall.
Wheel size	18 × 7 1/2J
Wheel nut torque	103.3 ft•lbf (140 N•m, 14.3 kgf•m)

► 19-inch tires (type A)

Tire size	245/45R19 98Y
Tire inflation pressure (Recommended cold tire inflation pressure)	Driving under normal conditions Front: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Rear: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Spare: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Driving at high speeds above 100 mph (160 km/h) (in countries where such speeds are permitted by law) Add 9 psi (60 kPa, 0.6 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the front tires, 11 psi (70 kPa, 0.7 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the rear tires. Never exceed the maximum cold tire inflation pressure indicated on the tire sidewall.
Wheel size	19 × 8J
Wheel nut torque	103.3 ft•lbf (140 N•m, 14.3 kgf•m)

► 19-inch tires (type B)

Tire size	P245/45R19 98V
Tire inflation pressure (Recommended cold tire inflation pressure)	Driving under normal conditions Front: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Rear: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Spare: 33 psi (230 kPa, 2.3 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) Driving at high speeds above 100 mph (160 km/h) (in countries where such speeds are permitted by law) Add 8 psi (50 kPa, 0.5 kgf/cm <sup>2</sup> or bar) to the front tires and rear tires. Never exceed the maximum cold tire inflation pressure indicated on the tire sidewall.
Wheel size	19 × 8J
Wheel nut torque	103.3 ft•lbf (140 N•m, 14.3 kgf•m)

Light bulbs

	Light Bulbs	Bulb No.	W	Type
Exterior	Headlights			
	High beam	9005	60	A
	Low or low/high beam	—	35	B
	Front turn signal lights	—	21	D
	Front fog lights	9006	51	E
	Trunk lid light	194	3.8	F
	Trunk light	—	3.8	C
	Rear turn signal lights	7440	21	C
Interior	Back-up lights	921	16	C
	Outer foot lights	—	5	C
	Vanity lights			
	Front	—	8	C
	Rear	—	3	F
	Interior lights			
	Front	—	8	C
	Rear	—	8	F
	Rear personal lights (with rear seat entertainment system)	—	10	G
	Door courtesy lights	—	5	C

- A: HB3 halogen bulbs  
B: D4S discharge bulbs  
C: Wedge base bulbs (clear)  
D: Wedge base bulbs (amber)  
E: HB4 halogen bulbs  
F: Double end bulbs  
G: Single end bulbs

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### Fuel information

Your vehicle must use only unleaded gasoline.

Premium unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 91 (Research Octane Number 96) or higher required for optimum engine performance. If 91 octane cannot be obtained, you may use unleaded gasoline with an octane rating as low as 87 (Research Octane Number 91). Use of unleaded gasoline with an octane rating lower than 91 may result in engine knocking and significantly reduced performance. Persistent knocking can lead to engine damage and should be corrected by refueling with higher octane unleaded gasoline.

At minimum, the gasoline you use should meet the specifications of ASTM D4814 in the U.S.A. and CGSB3.5-M93 in Canada.

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#### n Fuel tank opening for unleaded gasoline

To help prevent incorrect fueling, your Lexus has a fuel tank opening that only accommodates the special nozzle on unleaded fuel pumps.

#### n If your engine knocks

1 Consult your Lexus dealer.

1 You may occasionally notice light knocking for a short time while accelerating or driving uphill. This is normal and there is no need for concern.

#### n Gasoline quality

In very few cases, driveability problems may be caused by the brand of gasoline you are using. If driveability problems persist, try changing the brand of gasoline. If this does not correct the problem, consult your Lexus dealer.

## **n Gasoline quality standards**

- 1 Automotive manufacturers in the US, Europe and Japan have developed a specification for fuel quality called World-Wide Fuel Charter (WWFC) that is expected to be applied worldwide.
- 1 The WWFC consists of four categories that are based on required emission levels. In the US, category 4 has been adopted.
- 1 The WWFC improves air quality by lowering emissions in vehicle fleets, and customer satisfaction through better performance.

## **n Lexus recommends the use of gasoline containing detergent additives**

- 1 Lexus recommends the use of gasoline that contains detergent additives to avoid build-up of engine deposits.
- 1 All gasoline sold in the US contains detergent additives to clean and/or keep clean intake systems.

## **n Lexus recommends the use of cleaner burning gasoline**

Cleaner burning gasoline, including reformulated gasoline that contains oxygenates such as ethanol or MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) is available in many areas.

Lexus recommends the use of cleaner burning gasoline and appropriately blended reformulated gasoline. These types of gasoline provide excellent vehicle performance, reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

## **n Lexus does not recommend blended gasoline**

- 1 Lexus allows the use of oxygenate blended gasoline where the oxygenate content is up to 10% ethanol or 15% MTBE.
- 1 If you use gasohol in your Lexus, be sure that it has an octane rating no lower than 87.
- 1 Lexus DOES NOT recommend the use of gasoline containing methanol.

## **n Lexus does not recommend gasoline containing MMT**

Some gasoline contains octane enhancing additive called MMT (Methylcyclopentadienyl Manganese Tricarbonyl).

Lexus DOES NOT recommend the use of gasoline that contains MMT. If fuel containing MMT is used, your emission control system may be adversely affected.

The malfunction indicator lamp on the instrument cluster may come on. If this happens, contact your Lexus dealer for service.

### NOTICE

#### **n Notice on fuel quality**

- i** Do not use improper fuels. If improper fuels are used the engine will be damaged.
- i** Do not use leaded gasoline.  
Leaded gasoline can cause damage to your vehicle's three-way catalytic converters causing the emission control system to malfunction.
- i** Do not use gasohol other than that stated here.  
Other gasohol may cause fuel system damage or vehicle performance problems.
- i** Using unleaded gasoline with an octane number or rating lower than that stated here will cause persistent heavy knocking.  
At worst, this will lead to engine damage.

#### **n Fuel-related poor driveability**

If after using a different type of fuel, poor driveability is encountered (poor hot starting, vaporization, engine knocking, etc.), discontinue the use of that type of fuel.

#### **n When refueling with gasohol**

Take care not to spill gasohol. It can damage your vehicle's paint.

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### Tire information

#### Typical tire symbols



1 Tire size (→P. 769)

2 DOT and Tire Identification Number (TIN) (→P. 768)

3 Location of treadwear indicators (→P. 664)

4 Tire ply composition and materials

Ply is layers of rubber-coated parallel cords. Cords are the strands which form the plies in a tire.

5 Radial tires or bias-ply tires

A radial tire has "RADIAL" on the sidewall. A tire not marked "RADIAL" is a bias-ply tire.

6 TUBELESS or TUBE TYPE

A tubeless tire does not have a tube and air is directly filled in the tire. A tube type tire has a tube inside the tire and the tube maintains the air pressure.

7 Load limit at maximum cold tire inflation pressure (→P. 667)

8 Maximum cold tire inflation pressure (→P. 761)

This means the pressure to which a tire may be inflated.

9 Uniform tire quality grading

For details, see "Uniform tire quality grading" that follows.

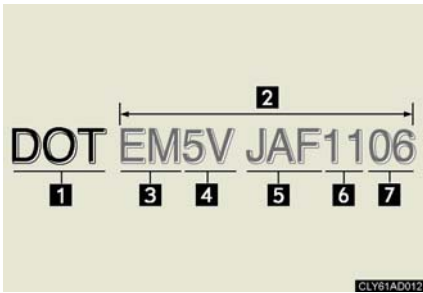


10 Summer tire or all season tire

(→P. 668)

An all season tire has “M+S” on the sidewall. A tire not marked “M+S” is a summer tire.

Typical DOT and tire identification number (TIN)



1 DOT symbol\*

2 Tire Identification Number (TIN)

3 Tire manufacturer's identification mark

4 Tire size code

5 Manufacturer's optional tire type code (3 or 4 letters)

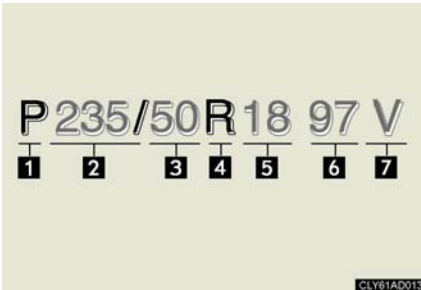
6 Manufacturing week

7 Manufacturing year

\*:The DOT symbol certifies that the tire conforms to applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

## Tire size

### n Typical tire size information



The illustration indicates typical tire size.

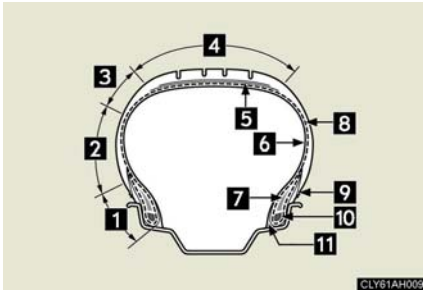
- 1 Tire use  
(P = Passenger car,  
T = Temporary use)
- 2 Section width (millimeters)
- 3 Aspect ratio  
(tire height to section width)
- 4 Tire construction code  
(R = Radial, D = Diagonal)
- 5 Wheel diameter (inches)
- 6 Load index (2 digits or 3 digits)
- 7 Speed symbol  
(alphabet with one letter)

### n Tire dimensions



- 1 Section width
- 2 Tire height
- 3 Wheel diameter

### Tire section names



- 1 Bead
- 2 Sidewall
- 3 Shoulder
- 4 Tread
- 5 Belt
- 6 Inner liner
- 7 Reinforcing rubber
- 8 Carcass
- 9 Rim lines
- 10 Bead wires
- 11 Chafer

### Uniform Tire Quality Grading

This information has been prepared in accordance with regulations issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

It provides the purchasers and/or prospective purchasers of Lexus vehicles with information on uniform tire quality grading.

Your Lexus dealer will help answer any questions you may have as you read this information.

#### **n** DOT quality grades

All passenger vehicle tires must conform to Federal Safety Requirements in addition to these grades. Quality grades can be found where applicable on the tire sidewall between tread shoulder and maximum section width.

For example: Treadwear 200 Traction AA Temperature A

## **n Treadwear**

The treadwear grade is a comparative rating based on the wear rate of the tire when tested under controlled conditions on a specified government test course.

For example, a tire graded 150 would wear one and a half (1 - 1/2) times as well on the government course as a tire graded 100.

The relative performance of tires depends upon the actual conditions of their use, however, and may depart significantly from the norm due to variations in driving habits, service practices and differences in road characteristics and climate.

## **n Traction AA, A, B, C**

The traction grades, from highest to lowest, are AA, A, B and C, and they represent the tire's ability to stop on wet pavement as measured under controlled conditions on specified government test surfaces of asphalt and concrete.

A tire marked C may have poor traction performance.

Warning: The traction grade assigned to this tire is based on braking (straight ahead) traction tests and does not include cornering (turning) traction.

## **n Temperature A, B, C**

The temperature grades are A (the highest), B, and C, representing the tire's resistance to the generation of heat and its ability to dissipate heat when tested under controlled conditions on a specified indoor laboratory test wheel.

Sustained high temperature can cause the material of the tire to degenerate and reduce tire life, and excessive temperature can lead to sudden tire failure.

The grade C corresponds to a level of performance which all passenger car tires must meet under the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 109.

Grades B and A represent higher levels of performance on the laboratory test wheel than the minimum required by law.

Warning: The temperature grades for this tire are established for a tire that is properly inflated and not overloaded. Excessive speed, underinflation, or excessive loading, either separately or in combination, can cause heat buildup and possible tire failure.

Glossary of tire terminology


Tire related term	Meaning
Cold tire inflation pressure	Tire pressure when the vehicle has been parked for three hours or more, or has not been driven more than 1 mile or 1.5 km under that condition
Maximum inflation pressure	The maximum cold inflated pressure to which a tire may be inflated, shown on the sidewall of the tire
Recommended inflation pressure	Cold tire inflation pressure recommended by a manufacturer
Accessory weight	The combined weight (in excess of those standard items which may be replaced) of automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power seats, radio and heater, to the extent that these items are available as factory-installed equipment (whether installed or not)
Curb weight	The weight of a motor vehicle with standard equipment, including the maximum capacity of fuel, oil and coolant, and if so equipped, air conditioning and additional weight optional engine
Maximum loaded vehicle weight	The sum of: (a) Curb weight (b) Accessory weight (c) Vehicle capacity weight (d) Production options weight
Normal occupant weight	150 lb. (68 kg) times the number of occupants specified in the second column of Table 1* that follows

Tire related term	Meaning
Occupant distribution	Distribution of occupants in a vehicle as specified in the third column of Table 1* below
Production options weight	The combined weight of installed regular production options weighing over 5 lb. (2.3 kg) in excess of the standard items which they replace, not previously considered in curb weight or accessory weight, including heavy duty brakes, ride levelers, roof rack, heavy duty battery, and special trim
Rim	A metal support for a tire or a tire and tube assembly upon which the tire beads are seated
Rim diameter (Wheel diameter)	Nominal diameter of the bead seat
Rim size designation	Rim diameter and width
Rim type designation	The industry manufacturer's designation for a rim by style or code
Rim width	Nominal distance between rim flanges
Vehicle capacity weight (Total load capacity)	The rated cargo and luggage load plus 150 lb. (68 kg) times the vehicle's designated seating capacity
Vehicle maximum load on the tire	The load on an individual tire that is determined by distributing to each axle its share of the maximum loaded vehicle weight, and dividing by two
Vehicle normal load on the tire	The load on an individual tire that is determined by distributing to each axle its share of curb weight, accessory weight, and normal occupant weight (distributed in accordance with Table 1* below), and dividing by two
Weather side	The surface area of the rim not covered by the inflated tire

Tire related term	Meaning
Bead	The part of the tire that is made of steel wires, wrapped or reinforced by ply cords and that is shaped to fit the rim
Bead separation	A breakdown of the bond between components in the bead
Bias ply tire	A pneumatic tire in which the ply cords that extend to the beads are laid at alternate angles substantially less than 90 degrees to the centerline of the tread
Carcass	The tire structure, except tread and sidewall rubber which, when inflated, bears the load
Chunking	The breaking away of pieces of the tread or sidewall
Cord	The strands forming the plies in the tire
Cord separation	The parting of cords from adjacent rubber compounds
Cracking	Any parting within the tread, sidewall, or innerliner of the tire extending to cord material
CT	A pneumatic tire with an inverted flange tire and rim system in which the rim is designed with rim flanges pointed radially inward and the tire is designed to fit on the underside of the rim in a manner that encloses the rim flanges inside the air cavity of the tire
Extra load tire	A tire designed to operate at higher loads and at higher inflation pressures than the corresponding standard tire
Groove	The space between two adjacent tread ribs
Innerliner	The layer(s) forming the inside surface of a tubeless tire that contains the inflating medium within the tire
Innerliner separation	The parting of the innerliner from cord material in the carcass

Tire related term	Meaning
Intended outboard sidewall	(a) The sidewall that contains a whitewall, bears white lettering, or bears manufacturer, brand, and/or model name molding that is higher or deeper than the same molding on the other sidewall of the tire, or (b) The outward facing sidewall of an asymmetrical tire that has a particular side that must always face outward when mounted on a vehicle
Light truck (LT) tire	A tire designated by its manufacturer as primarily intended for use on lightweight trucks or multipurpose passenger vehicles
Load rating	The maximum load that a tire is rated to carry for a given inflation pressure
Maximum load rating	The load rating for a tire at the maximum permissible inflation pressure for that tire
Maximum permissible inflation pressure	The maximum cold inflation pressure to which a tire may be inflated
Measuring rim	The rim on which a tire is fitted for physical dimension requirements
Open splice	Any parting at any junction of tread, sidewall, or innerliner that extends to cord material
Outer diameter	The overall diameter of an inflated new tire
Overall width	The linear distance between the exteriors of the sidewalls of an inflated tire, including elevations due to labeling, decorations, or protective bands or ribs
Passenger car tire	A tire intended for use on passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, and trucks, that have a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 lb. or less.
Ply	A layer of rubber-coated parallel cords



Tire related term	Meaning
Ply separation	A parting of rubber compound between adjacent plies
Pneumatic tire	A mechanical device made of rubber, chemicals, fabric and steel or other materials, that, when mounted on an automotive wheel, provides the traction and contains the gas or fluid that sustains the load
Radial ply tire	A pneumatic tire in which the ply cords that extend to the beads are laid at substantially 90 degrees to the centerline of the tread
Reinforced tire	A tire designed to operate at higher loads and at higher inflation pressures than the corresponding standard tire
Section width	The linear distance between the exteriors of the sidewalls of an inflated tire, excluding elevations due to labeling, decoration, or protective bands
Sidewall	That portion of a tire between the tread and bead
Sidewall separation	The parting of the rubber compound from the cord material in the sidewall
Snow tire	A tire that attains a traction index equal to or greater than 110, compared to the ASTM E-1136 Standard Reference Test Tire, when using the snow traction test as described in ASTM F-1805-00, Standard Test Method for Single Wheel Driving Traction in a Straight Line on Snow-and Ice-Covered Surfaces, and which is marked with an Alpine Symbol (  ) on at least one sidewall
Test rim	The rim on which a tire is fitted for testing, and may be any rim listed as appropriate for use with that tire

Tire related term	Meaning
Tread	That portion of a tire that comes into contact with the road
Tread rib	A tread section running circumferentially around a tire
Tread separation	Pulling away of the tread from the tire carcass
Treadwear indicators (TWI)	The projections within the principal grooves designed to give a visual indication of the degrees of wear of the tread
Wheel-holding fixture	The fixture used to hold the wheel and tire assembly securely during testing

\*: Table 1 — Occupant loading and distribution for vehicle normal load for various designated seating capacities

Designated seating capacity, Number of occupants	Vehicle normal load, Number of occupants	Occupant distribution in a normally loaded vehicle
2 through 4	2	2 in front
5 through 10	3	2 in front, 1 in second seat
11 through 15	5	2 in front, 1 in second seat, 1 in third seat, 1 in fourth seat
16 through 20	7	2 in front, 2 in second seat, 2 in third seat, 1 in fourth seat